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SECRETARIAT ANNEXE - I, SONAM TSHERING MARG
GANGTOK, SIKKIM-737101**

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the National Food Security Act, 2013, read with rule 16 of the Sikkim Food Security Rules 2015, the State Government hereby authorises the local bodies, i.e. Panchayats and Municipalities to conduct social audit, for proper functioning of Fair Price Shops, thereby ensuring transparency in the implementation of Public Distribution System as mandated under sub section (1) of section 28 of the said Act. The process for conducting Social Audit shall be as under:-

- (1) All records related to allotment, storage and distribution of different commodities under Public Distribution System at Fair Price Shops shall be placed at Gram Sabha and Area Sabha for social audit held on 16th May and 2nd October every year.
- (2) In rural areas, documents of intervening period shall be placed in Gram Sabha by the Fair Price Shop owner and Food Go-down In-charge of the area for social audit.
- (3) In urban areas, the urban local body shall hold meeting on the fixed date and conduct a social audit. Meeting at Area Sabha shall be conducted at least once in six months for social audit compulsorily.
- (4) Documents of last 6 (six) months, shall be submitted by Fair Price Shop owner and Food Go-down In-charge of the area in the urban areas.
- (5) After audit of documents at Gram Sabha and Area Sabha meetings, the report along with recommendations shall be submitted to Block Level Vigilance Committees. After examination by Block Level Vigilance Committees, recommendation shall be forwarded to District Level Vigilance Committee for further necessary action.
- (6) After compiling the social audit report of Fair Price Shops, necessary examination shall be made at district level and Zilla Adhakshya who shall take further necessary action. Action taken on the social audit report shall be forwarded to State Government through Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

**ADDITIONAL SECRETARY
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